

1 AN ACT concerning tourism.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Tourism Task Force Act.

6 Section 5. Findings. The General Assembly makes the  
7 following findings:

8 (1) The Illinois tourism industry is a major component  
9 of the economy of Illinois and a vital aspect of employment  
10 in many areas of the State of Illinois.

11 (2) Illinois historic attractions throughout the State  
12 bring tourists from around the world to Illinois cities,  
13 towns, and villages.

14 (3) Tourism brings visitors to the State of Illinois,  
15 generating money, jobs, and tax revenue for both State and  
16 local governments.

17 Section 10. Tourism Task Force. There is created a Tourism  
18 Task Force to provide insight on how to create the best  
19 infrastructure for the development of tourism as an economic  
20 development tool in Illinois utilizing all pertinent State  
21 agencies and the private sector. This task force shall consist  
22 of 19 voting members as follows:

1           (1) One person appointed by the Governor to serve as  
2 chair of the Task Force.

3           (2) One member appointed by the President of the  
4 Senate.

5           (3) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
6 Senate.

7           (4) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House.

8           (5) One member appointed by the Minority Leader of the  
9 House.

10          (6) One member appointed by the Governor representing  
11 the Illinois lodging industry.

12          (7) One member appointed by the Governor representing  
13 the Illinois restaurant, catering, and food service  
14 industries.

15          (8) One member appointed by the Governor representing  
16 Illinois convention and visitor bureaus.

17          (9) One member appointed by the Governor representing  
18 Illinois wine making and wineries.

19          (10) One member appointed by the Governor representing  
20 tourism brochure publication, distribution, and marketing.

21          (11) One member appointed by the Governor representing  
22 the riverboat gaming industry.

23          (12) One member appointed by the Governor representing  
24 Illinois park districts.

25          (13) One member appointed by the Governor representing  
26 the agri-tourism industry.

1           (14) One member appointed by the Governor representing  
2           the bed and breakfast industry.

3           (15) One member appointed by the Governor representing  
4           Illinois campgrounds.

5           (16) One member appointed by the Governor representing  
6           statewide commercial tourism marketing.

7           (17) One member appointed by the Governor representing  
8           regional tourism development organizations.

9           (18) One member appointed by the Governor representing  
10          commercial-themed family attractions in Illinois.

11          (19) One member appointed by the Governor representing  
12          the commercial motorcoach industry.

13          In addition, the following officials or their designees  
14          shall serve as ex-officio members of the task force: (i) the  
15          Director of Commerce and Economic Affairs; (ii) the Director of  
16          Natural Resources; (iii) the Secretary of Transportation; (iv)  
17          the Director of Historic Sites and Preservation; (v) the  
18          Director of Agriculture; (vi) the Director of Public Health;  
19          (vii) the Director of State Police; (viii) the Director of the  
20          Illinois Environmental Protection Agency; (ix) the Secretary  
21          of State; (x) the Lieutenant Governor; and (xi) the Chairman of  
22          the Illinois State Tollway Highway Authority.

23          The voting members of the task force shall serve for a term  
24          of 2 years, except that, of the initial members, 9 members  
25          appointed by the Governor, not including the Chairperson, shall  
26          serve for a term ending one year after the appointment of a

1 majority of the voting members and the remaining 9 members of  
2 the task force shall serve for a term ending 2 years after the  
3 appointment of a majority of the voting members.

4 The task force may begin to conduct business upon the  
5 appointment of a majority of the voting members. Members shall  
6 serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for their  
7 expenses.

8 Section 15. Duties of the task force. The duties of the  
9 task force shall include all the following:

10 (1) Reviewing and cataloging all policies, programs,  
11 procedures, and initiatives in all departments, agencies,  
12 bureaus, and commissions of Illinois government that  
13 impact the Illinois tourism product.

14 (2) Giving recommendations to the General Assembly and  
15 Governor on how to expand, reduce, consolidate,  
16 coordinate, or create programs that will aid the people of  
17 Illinois and, as a result, increase revenue from the  
18 renewable resource of tourism and economic development.

19 (3) Continuing to review all programs, policies,  
20 procedures, and initiatives of the departments, agencies,  
21 bureaus, and commissions to determine whether  
22 recommendations and resulting legislation are achieving  
23 the desired positive economic development effect and  
24 making new recommendations as necessary.

25 (4) Filing an annual report with the General Assembly

1           with the findings and recommendations of the task force.

2           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
3           becoming law.